

Mentioned in Despatches

RIGHT HON. W. F. MASSEY.—New Zealand is looming large on the Canadian horizon these days owing to the fact that Premier Massey and Sir Joseph Ward are crossing this country on their way home after attending the Imperial Conference. The Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey has been Premier of New Zealand for the past five years, succeeding Sir Joseph Ward. Massey is an Irishman by birth, going to New Zealand as a boy of fourteen, where he engaged in farming. He got his start in public life through farmers' clubs and various other agricultural societies. He has spent twenty-two years in the New Zealand Parliament, being leader of the Opposition, the creator of the reform party and Prime Minister. Recently the country formed a coalition government with Massey as Prime Minister and Sir Joseph Ward as Minister of Finance.

SIR JOSEPH WARD is also an Irishman, being born in the Emerald Isle in 1857, and going to New Zealand as a child of three, with his parents. He started his business career as a messenger boy in the postal and telegraph department, of which he afterwards became minister. He held a number of important portfolios, and was Prime Minister of the country from 1906 to 1912. Ward is regarded as one of the ablest of the overseas ministers.

CAPT. WM. LEGGATT.—Montrealers will be glad to know that Capt. William Leggatt has been mentioned in despatches. In pre-war days Leggatt was known to the business men of the city as a very courteous and efficient banker, being the assistant manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce on St. James street. Capt. Leggatt went overseas as second in command of Major Cape's Battery.

JUDGE A. C. GALT, who is investigating the Manitoba graft charges connected with the late Roblin Rogers administration, comes of a well known legal family, being the eldest son of the late Chief Justice Sir Thomas Galt. Judge Galt was born in Toronto in 1858, was educated in that city, and there practised his profession for a time. Later he went West, and in British Columbia became prominent in legal circles. Finally he settled in Winnipeg, and for the past ten years has been a leading figure at the bar there. Judge Galt has written several books on various aspects of the law. Before being appointed to the Bench two years ago, Judge Galt was prominent in Conservative circles.

LES DARCY.—A few weeks ago Les Darcy, Australian pugilist, was denied the opportunity of fighting in New York State, Governor Whitman branding him as a coward for having left his own country when conscription was first mooted. Since that time Darcy has tried in vain to put on fights in the United States, but finally gave up the effort and enlisted as an aviator. At the time of his enlistment as an aviator he was pronounced by the doctors the most perfect physical specimen that ever entered the services of the United States Army. That was a month ago. To-day he is dead from an attack of pneumonia. Darcy was born in Australia, where he won the middleweight and heavyweight championships. Some time later he came to the United States and endeavored to secure a match with Georges Carpentier, the French champion, but the authorities would not allow the latter to leave France.

MR. G. M. BARNES.—Early in the war the British Government won the support of labor by limiting the profits employers could make and by giving workmen an adequate representation in the Cabinet. As a result of this policy able labor leaders like Arthur Henderson and G. M. Barnes have become members of the Cabinet and have done most effective work. Henderson has now gone to Russia on an important mission, and his place in the British Cabinet, and in the War Council, has been taken by Mr. Barnes. Mr. G. M. Barnes has been a consistent advocate of a vigorous prosecution of the war, and as he possesses a very great influence over the laborites his active co-operation has been a big factor. He was born in Scotland in 1859 and has represented a Glasgow division in the labor interests for the last dozen years. He has visited the United States in connection with the Moseley commission. Mr. Barnes edits the Engineering Journal, the organ of his labor society.

WILLIAM STONE, President of Stone, Limited, Toronto, a director of the Bank of Toronto, and connected with other corporations, has been elected a director of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. Mr. Stone is probably the foremost lithographer in Canada, and in the course of his lifetime has built up a very large and remunerative business. He is unusually popular with the business interests of the Queen City.

LT.-COL. N. NEWNHAN-DAVIS, author, playwright, and soldier, of London, is dead. As a young man he had seen much hard service in India and other parts of the Empire, but retired from active service a few years ago and devoted himself to literary work. He was the author of a number of plays and editor of Town Topics. Since the outbreak of hostilities, however, he has been doing his bit in charge of interned Germans in England.

COL. ALFRED H. STURDEE.—The Sturdee family do not belie their name, because they seem to be sturdy fighters, both on sea and land. Vice-Admiral Sir D. Sturdee was the man who wiped out the Germans at the Falkland Island Battle, and thereby avenged the defeat of Admiral Craddock. Now Admiral Sturdee's only brother, Col. Alfred H., of the Australians, has just been invested with the C. M. G. by the King because of meritorious services performed in connection with the Army Medical Corps.

M. J. O'BRIEN, who has been elected a director of the Bank of Ottawa, is a Bluenose. He was born in Lochaber, N.S., in 1851, and early in life went into the railway construction business in which he amassed a fortune, later he extended his activities to include timber and mining operations. O'Brien makes his home in Renfrew, Ont., but his interests are spread over the entire Dominion. The O'Brien Mine at Cobalt, which he owns, has brought its owner millions of dollars in dividends. Since the outbreak of war Mr. O'Brien has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of munitions.

SIR CHARLES BROOKE, Rajah of Sarawak, who has just died in his eighty-eighth year, was one of those eccentric Englishmen who have helped to make the British Empire great. His uncle bought and armed a yacht, and with a number of picked men arrived in Borneo during an insurrection, took part in the programme, and assisted the Sultan in maintaining his throne. His reward came at the close of the fighting, when the Sultan presented him with Sarawak, over which he ruled until his death in 1868. He then passed on his title and prerogatives to Sir Charles Brooke, who has just died. Sir Charles was formerly in the Royal Navy, but resigned his commission to serve under his uncle in Sarawak.

HENRY W. THORNTON.—In Great Britain the control, if not the ownership, of railways has been nationalized as a war measure, and from all indications it looks as if that country would never go back to the old system of private ownership and administration of railways. There is a report that Henry W. Thornton, who is now general manager of the Great Eastern Railroad of England, will become a sort of general manager of the railway systems of the United Kingdom when peace comes. Thornton was formerly general superintendent of the Long Island Railway in the United States, where his efficient work attracted the attention of Lord Claude Hamilton, the famous English railroad magnate, president of the Great Eastern Railway. Thornton has rendered splendid service. The Great Eastern is one of England's most important railroads.

MR. V. G. R. VICKERS, for over a quarter of a century associated with the Dominion Express Company is retiring from the superintendency of the Atlantic division and the managership of the Foreign Department and is joining the Holden Company. Mr. Vickers knows the express and transportation business as few men in the Dominion and his genial manner and strong personality has been a big factor in securing business for the Company he represented for a great many years. He is a son of the late J. J. Vickers, the inaugurator in 1852, of the first express company to do business in what was then known as Upper Canada.

SIR J. W. FLAVELLE, Canada's new Baronet, is one of the big business men of the Dominion. He is director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, President of the National Trust Company, President of the Wm. Davis Company, and a pillar in the Methodist Church. Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities he became head of the Imperial Munitions Board, where he has done most effective work. The new Baronet was born in Peterborough, in 1853.

SIR GEORGE BURY, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is a Montrealer, having been born and educated in this city. He entered the service of the C. P. R. as a boy in 1883, as a clerk in the purchasing department, later becoming stenographer to Mr. Thomas, now Lord Shaughnessy. Then came years in the Western and Central divisions of the Company's lines, where he gained invaluable experience, and became known as an authority on all phases of transportation. Recently he was sent to Russia to assist that country in solving its many transportation problems. He is fifty-one years of age.

SIR JOHN AIRD, General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was born at Longueuil, Que., in 1855, educated in Toronto and then as a lad entered railroad work. After six years in the transportation field, he turned to banking, in which department he is one of the country's recognized authorities, being for the last few years general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Vice-President of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

SIR GEORGE BURN, another banker to be included in the King's birthday honor list, was, until a month or two ago, general manager of the Bank of Ottawa, when ill-health compelled him to resign, although he still retains an intimate connection with the bank. Sir George was born in Scotland in 1847, and had considerable banking experience in that home of bankers before coming to Canada. He was made general manager of the Bank of Ottawa in 1880, and in point of service is the oldest banker in the Dominion. Sir George is keenly interested in many philanthropic and musical organizations.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR RICHARD TURNER, V.C., who has been knighted, is one of our ablest generals. He is the son of the Hon. R. Turner, of Quebec. General Turner has spent his life in the militia. Serving with distinction in the South African War, he was severely wounded, mentioned in despatches, and won the Victoria Cross, the D. S. O., and promotion. He went overseas in command of the 3rd Infantry Brigade, and is now in command of the Canadian Forces in England.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE, who is among the list of men knighted, went overseas as Commander of a Victoria Battalion, and won rapid promotion because of his very effective work. He is now commander of the First Canadian Division at the front. He won the D. S. O., the Legion of Honor, and other decorations of promotion. General Currie has been regarded as the most efficient Canadian officer at the front. In pre-war days he was in the insurance business in the West.

CAPT. GEORGES GUYNEMER.—France has a new hero who threatens to oust Joffre from the first place in the affections of the nation. Capt. Georges Guynemer, of the French Aviation Corps, has brought down thirty-seven German machines. He was made a captain when twenty-one years of age, but even then he had five German machines to his credit. The marked superiority which the English and French aviators have over the Germans is due very largely to the skill and daring of young men like Guynemer.

LIEUT.-COL. B. C. DRAPER, D.S.O., mentioned in despatches a few days ago, is getting to be a frequenter of this column. Col. Draper won the D.S.O. for gallantry at the front, was wounded, and has been repeatedly praised by his superiors. He is a Montrealer and got his first military experience with the Victoria Rifles, later joining the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons, where he became known as an expert on musketry. He went overseas as second in command of the 5th Mounted Rifles, and when the commander, Col. Harry Baker was killed a year ago, Draper took charge of the battalion and has been in command ever since. He is a most efficient officer.